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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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1. EMBASSY SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 7 JULY INFORMING THEM OF REFERENCE PROPOSAL AND REQUESTING MFA CONCURRENCE. EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT A.M. KHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, PAKISTAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, BE INFORMED OF PROPOSAL. EMBASSY ALSO COMMENTED THAT WE ARE ADVISING DRS. TROUSDALE AND WHITNEY TO CONTACT THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS THEIR PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY ANTICIPATES GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING GOP APPROVAL FOR THIS STUDY. GOP IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT FOREIGNERS TRAVELING ANYWHERE IN BALUCHISTAN, AND FURTHERMORE ALL AREAS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF PAKISTAN'S BORDERS ARE CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS. TO ENHANCE POSSIBILITIES OF GOP APPROVAL, WE SUGGEST SMITHSONIAN WRITE DIRECTLY TO DIRECTOR GENERAL, PAK GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, EXPLAINING PROJECT AND SOLICITING HIS COOPERATION, AND ALSO THAT TROUSDALE AND WHITNEY CALL ON PAK EMBASSY (AT DCM LEVEL) TO GIVE THEM FULLEST PARTICULARS ABOUT THE PROJECT AND HOW IT COULD BENEFIT PAKISTAN.

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